

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1906.

WATER METER PLAN
FOR THE DISTRICT

Substantial Progress Toward System Made.

WOULD PREVENT A WASTE

Superintendent States That by This Means Famine Can Be Prevented During Winter.

After many fruitless attempts covering a period of nearly six years, the District Water Department is making substantial progress toward the introduction of a system of water meters in the city. Up to the present time 300 meters have been installed in private dwellings, and, if Congress agrees to advance the District \$100,000 at this session, as the Commissioners have requested, within a few months about 15 per cent of the residents will have this method of registering their water consumption.

With such impetus given the movement, Superintendent of the Water Department McFarland states, within a few years the Water Department will be able to shoulder the entire proposition, meeting the cost out of its own revenues and reducing, if anything, the cost of the water to the consumer.

Will Prevent Waste. Both Engineer Commissioner Biddle and Superintendent McFarland regard the general introduction of water meters as the only practicable method of reducing the present waste of the city's water supply. They maintain that inasmuch as the prospect of Congress agreeing to enlarge the city's water system with additional conduits in the future, the introduction of water meters will be the only means for preventing a water famine during the winter.

Such a famine became imminent during 1905, Superintendent McFarland states, and was only prevented by the prompt action of the Water Department in compelling residents to turn off all faucets at night.

The most convincing argument in favor of a meter system, it is argued, is the excessively high per capita water consumption which, at times exceeding 150 gallons daily, amounts to nothing less than wilful waste. Under normal conditions, he contends, the average person for all ordinary wants need only use sixty gallons daily, an abundant allowance when estimated as over two barrels.

The Initial Experiment. After pressing this argument in Congress last year, the Commissioners succeeded in obtaining an appropriation of \$5,000, with which the initial experiments were made. They selected a block of residences between U street and Florida avenue and Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, in which 300 meters have since been installed. So far these meters have brought satisfactory results, and, Superintendent McFarland thinks, prove the feasibility of the scheme on the larger scale.

The Water Department has under consideration a plan, as outlined by the Commissioners, to secure from Congress a loan of \$100,000, to be paid back to the United States out of the revenues of the department. With this sum immediate work of installing meters in private residences would be started. It is estimated that each meter would cost to install, when the work was well organized, approximately \$15, allowing for the installation of about 6,500 during the year, or 15 per cent of the total number, some 53,000 meters. By gradually installing the meters, it is planned to equip the entire city, which would take about five years to accomplish, and would cost, Commissioner Biddle estimates, between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

The statement made from time to time that the introduction of a meter system would increase the cost of water to the consumer is denied by Superintendent McFarland. He states, on the other hand, that at the outset, the result would be exactly the opposite. The probable rate under the meter system will be 4½ cents per 1,000 gallons, as compared with 10 cents per 625 gallons in New York city under a meter system. Such a comparison, Superintendent McFarland contends, proves without question that Washington enjoys cheaper water than any of the big cities.

On the whole, the Commissioners look upon the introduction of the proposed meter system as the only present method of reducing the tax on the filtration plant, and as the best means of meeting the exigencies of a possible water famine.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH THE BOY IN THE CITIES?



The Subcellar Idea Might Find Favor With Some.

—From the Chicago Record-Herald.

BOERS ARE REJOICING
THAT LIBERALS RULE

De Wet Tells His People They Now Have Hope of Self-Government.

LONDON, March 10.—It is reported from Cape Town that, at a meeting held in Heilbron, General Hertzog announced that the congress, to be held at Bloemfontein in April, would continue the work of the Broadfort congress, aiming at responsible government. The Boers he stated, had been an oppressed people since the conclusion of peace, but now they were on the eve of a new era. General De Wet said that he had hitherto been silent because of the intolerable humiliation entailed in bowing the knee to Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain. He hoped that God would forgive the English for the iniquity which Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain has caused them to commit. But England now has a government whose principal members had always been fair, and even friendly, to the Boers. Therefore, he concluded, the Boers should, as a matter of honor, suspend all agitation for responsible government for at least six weeks, and give the Liberals a chance of doing justice to the Boers without being pestered to do so.

WILL BE MARRIED ON
TOP OF SMOKE STACK

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 10.—George P. Lenfers and Miss Ora D. Williams, of this city, will be united in marriage Saturday afternoon on top of the smokestack, 222 feet high, which was climbed by Miss Jeanette Daugherty a few days ago because she would not take a dare. Miss Daugherty will be present.

AMERICAN MANICURISTS
MAKE HIT IN HAVANA

Enterprising Young Women Open Establishments in Cuban Capital. Natives Abandon Whiskers.

HAVANA, March 10.—American manicurists are in great demand in Havana and several establishments of this kind run by enterprising young American women in Obispo, O'Reilly, and San Rafael streets are doing splendid business. American tailors established here are also doing well, in spite of the fact that a majority of the fashionable Cubans have their clothes made in the United States and sent here by express. The Americanization of Havana is so complete that the Cubans, in their desire to "look like Americans" in every respect, are rapidly adopting the mustache fashion. Even among senators and other grave personages the clean-shave fad is spreading and one seldom meets a man in Havana today with the classic Spanish mustache.

Mrs. Logan Lectures
Despite Broken Arm

Pluckily Delivers Address While Suffering Great Pain—Fell In Descending to Hall. Compelled to Curtail Trip.

Mrs. John A. Logan returned to her home in Calumet place at 1:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon, having been compelled to curtail her out-of-town visit through an accident which befell her in Westchester, Pa.

Mrs. Logan went over to Westchester on Friday night to deliver a lecture and in descending to the lecture hall she fell and broke her arm. In spite of this she gave her talk and nobody but herself knew the pain she was suffering. At the conclusion of the lecture physicians were summoned and the arm was set. It was found that the break had occurred just above the elbow.

Abandons Trip. It was Mrs. Logan's intention to go from Westchester to New York for a visit to her daughter-in-law, but this had to be abandoned. A telegram was sent to Mrs. Logan's daughter, Mrs. Tucker, who is spending the winter in Washington, that Mrs. Logan would be at home yesterday afternoon but no

intimation was given of the accident which had befallen her.

A reporter for The Times called upon the Logan residence to inquire for Mrs. Logan, and gave the first news of the accident. Mrs. Tucker was very much worried, but when Mrs. Logan reached Washington she was very bright and declared she would pull through all right.

Arm Doing Well. Dr. MacDonald was called in yesterday afternoon and looked at the arm, but would not remove the dressing. That will be done this morning and it will be possible for him to determine how serious the injury is. Mrs. Logan was resting easy late last night, and Mrs. Tucker was much encouraged. Just before leaving Washington a few days ago, Mrs. Logan declared she had never felt better in her life. She had been threatened, and had recovered from a long illness which had hampered her much in her work.

WIELDS SHOVEL WHEN
ASKED IF SHE CHEWS

BOONVILLE, Ind., March 10.—"I want a piece of tobacco of the kind you chew," said Thomas Condit, a farmer, to Miss Grace Lacy, a clerk in a store at Folsomville. Miss Lacy was prompt to avenge what she considered an insult. Seizing a shovel, she felled Condit to the floor, and then beat him vigorously. When Condit escaped he came here and swore out a warrant for the athletic young woman. She was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Condit's appearance and his story caused the court to smile, but as the

facts were admitted, all he could do was to fine the fair defendant \$10. As she paid the money Miss Lacy remarked:

"It's worth the money, but if I had known I would be fined I believe I would have finished him while I was at it."

THREE PRISON MUTINEERS
WILL HANG ON SAME DAY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 10.—The condemned convicts, Harry Vaughan, George Ryan, and Edward Vaughan, convicted of murdering John Clay in the penitentiary mutiny last November, were sentenced by Judge Martin today to be hanged Friday, April 20.

FUR WILL FLY AT
STATEHOOD CAUCUS

Republicans Will Meet to Determine Policy.

INSURGENTS LINING UP

Led by Babcock, They Are Determined to Win Fight—Effect on Party Considered.

It was said among Republican House leaders last evening, who are interested in Statehood, that the Republicans of that body would probably hold their caucus Tuesday evening to decide on a course of action toward the bill as amended in the Senate.

Prediction is widely made that the caucus will be the hottest occasion that this session of Congress has developed. Babcock and the rest of the House insurgents are determined to turn everything to account to win their fight, and they are reported to be having an immense amount of most effective help from the Senate wing.

Many strange stories are afloat about the combination by which the necessary votes are lined up to adopt the Burrows amendment, cutting Arizona and New Mexico out of the bill. It is said, for instance, that the question of locating the temporary capital in Oklahoma was the basis for some trades, and that the selection of seats for the Federal court was another.

Republicans are falling back on the party argument for the joint bill. In substance, this is what they are urging: "If we pass this joint Statehood bill we will let in two probable Republican States. Everything, as to these States, depends on the auspices under which they come in. If the Republicans let them in they will have a strong tendency to go with that party. But suppose we reject them? Then as soon as the Democrats get control they will admit not two States, but four; and the same tendency to go with the party that admits them will make it very probable that three of them—Oklahoma, Sequoia, and Arizona, will be Democratic, with about even chances in New Mexico. It is a risk that the party can't afford to take."

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Souvenir Prices Prevail Throughout the Store.

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Set the Spring Fashion

As usual, we're first in the field with a COMPLETE SHOWING of everything wantable in men's, women's, children's footwear for spring and summer wear. What a kaleidoscope of pretty colors and shapes the new shoes are! Every good source of supply has been ransacked until not one desirable new idea is unrepresented. And while wholesale prices are higher than they have ever been before, we've used every ounce of our vast buying-power to the end that our prices should be as low, our qualities as high as in previous years.

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THING for Women's wear \$3.50

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